(b) The primary reasons for the decline in flow of tourist in Orissa include complete disruption of communication links by rail, air and roads due to super cyclone and apprehensions of dislocation of basic amenities in the mind of tourists.

(c) to (e) Various steps taken to make adequate publicity to assure the tourists on their safety include advertisement indicating the normal situation in the State, message on web site on Orissa and publicity of normalcy through Govt. of India Tourist Offices, Tourist Offices of State Governments, leading travel agents and tour operators.

Development of Prayagraj as Major Tourist Centre

†1358. SHRI JANESHWAR MISRA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governement are going to start any programme for attracting foreign tourists towards the Prayagraj (Allahabad), the oldest pilgrimage centre of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are considering to promote tourism under the new tourism policy; and

(d) if so, by when and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (KUMARI UMA BHARTI): (a) and (b) Development of Tourism infrastructure including Pilgrim Centres is mainly the responsibility of State Government. Ministry of Tourism provides Financial Assistance to the State for projects/schemes prioritised for every year in consultation with them to attract foreign and domestic tourists. The

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Central Government has provided Financial Assistance for the following projects at Allahabad in Consultation with the State Government:—

		Amount Sanctioned (Rs. in Lakhs)
1.	Construction of Yatri Niwas	29.42
2.	Development of Nehru Ghats	37.18
3.	Fast Food Centre at Kumbh Mela	3.18
4.	Upgradation-cum-Expansion of existing Tourist Bungalow	9.40
5.	Construction of Water Sports complex at Yamuna Bank, Arailside.	49.51

(c) and (d) The Policy of the Government continues to be to promote tourism.

Development of Tourism on Cultural Basis

†1359. SHRI ONKAR SINGH LAKHAWAT: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are formulating any plan to develop tourist centres in consonance with Indian civilisation and cultural concept for the convenience of the tourists;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of the places in Rajasthan which are likely to be developed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (KUMARI UMA BHARTI): (a) to (c) Development of tourist centres such as cultural, historical, pilgrim, adventure etc. is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However,

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